

2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Add \$607,000 GF (ongoing) to SDCI for renter organizing and outreach and reduce incentive funding in SPD for officer hiring

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Kshama Sawant

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2020 Increase (Decrease)	2021 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$0	
Net Balance Effect	\$0	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	

Budget Action Description:

This Budget Action adds \$607,000 GF (ongoing) to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) Compliance BSL to contract with community-based organizations for renter outreach, education, and organizing. This action also reduces by \$607,000 an \$814,000 appropriation in the Seattle Police Department's Proposed Budget to fund recruitment bonuses for police officers.

Of the appropriation to SDCI, the Council expects that the funding would be contracted as follows:

- \$100,000 to a non-profit organization with experience organizing LGBTQ renters to aid LGBTQ seniors;
- \$107,000 to a non-profit organization with experience organizing renter "know your rights" forums, such as the "Renter Rights Boot Camps" organized by Be:Seattle;

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- \$200,000 to a non-profit organization, such as the Tenants Union of Washington, which provides renter advocacy services, to fund the establishment of building-based tenant associations; and

- \$200,000 to a non-profit organization, such as WACAN, with experience doing direct outreach to renters, such as door-knocking to help renters build capacity and advocacy.

Consistent with the 2020 Endorsed Budget, the proposed budget includes an ongoing appropriation of \$615,000 GF for tenant services grants and contracts. The 2019 Adopted Budget also included \$96,000 GF (one-time) for eviction defense legal services. That one-time appropriation is not included in the proposed budget. SDCI will recompetete tenant service grants and contracts in 2020.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase appropriation for renter organizing and outreach		0	0	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$607,000
2	Reduce appropriation for recruitment bonuses		0	0	SPD - SP000	SPD - BO-SP-P1800 - Patrol Operations	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$(607,000)